

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are pending.

Claims 1 and 4 are amended to clarify that the claimed storage device is a 'non-volatile' storage device. Support for this amendment is found at page 4, lines 20-25, describing a hard disk drive, compact disc recorder, mini disc and memory card as the storage device. Such devices are well recognized as non-volatile storage devices in the art.

Claims 1 and 4 are also amended to remove the phrase beginning with "wherein the compressed digital image." By removing this phrase, the objection to the drawings and the requirement for a corrected drawing sheet are rendered moot.

The rejection of claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,930,709 to Creamer et al. is respectfully traversed. "To anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim." MPEP § 2131. In the present case, Creamer et al. fail to achieve this standard.

As amended, claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 call for a non-volatile storage device to be present in the surveillance monitoring camera. In contrast, Creamer et al. only teach a "general purpose memory" 228 in the form of DRAM, which is a volatile storage. Because Creamer et al. fail to teach or suggest all claim elements, claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are not anticipated.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized during prosecution of this application to charge any fees that may be required (except for patent issue fees required under 37 CFR §1.18) or to credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0337. If an extension of time is required in connection with this paper, please consider this a Petition therefor and charge any fees required to Deposit Account No. 50-0337.

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